GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2091
ANSWERED ON:15.03.2017
Derailment of Hirakund Express
Gutha Shri Sukender Reddy

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has investigated the derailment of Odisha-bound Hirakund Express which derailed on 23.01.2017 midnight at Kuneru of Komarada Mandal of Vijayanagaram in Andhra Pradesh, causing several deaths and injuries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the investigations and the action taken against the errant persons ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2091 BY SHRI GUTHA SUKENDER REDDY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 15.03.2017 REGARDING DERAILMENT OF HIRAKUND EXPRESS

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. In the derailment of Train No. 18448 Jagdalpur-Bhubaneswar Hirakhand Express at Kuneru station on Singapuram Road-Vizianagaram Section of East Coast Railway on 21.01.2017, a case vide Cr. No.06/2017 u/s 174 Cr. P.C. dated 22.01.2017 was registered by Government Railway Police/Vizianagaram. The case was subsequently transferred to CID/Andhra Pradesh where a case vide No.CID/17/1306 dated 07.02.2017 has been registered. Simultaneously, National Investigation Agency/Hyderabad has also registered a case vide No.RC-01/2017/NIA-HYD dated 27.01.2017. Policing on Railways being a State subject, prevention of crime, registration of cases, their investigation and maintenance of law and order in Railway premises as well as on running trains are the statutory responsibility of the State Government, which they discharge through Government Railway Police (GRP). Also, Statutory Inquiry into the said derailment has been ordered to determine the causes and responsible factors of the accident to be conducted by the Commissioner of Railway Safety (CRS), South Central Circle, Secunderabad under the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

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